

CONVENT OF NOTRE DAME (St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum)
(Demolished)
835 Josephine Street, Orleans Parish
New Orleans, Louisiana

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835 Josephine St. at Laurel St. (N. E. Corner)

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The present owner of the site of this building is the Housing Authority of New Orleans, Queen and Crescent Building, New Orleans, who acquired it by purchase from the Sisters of Notre Dame in 1938, and demolished it in 1939 to make room for the St. Thomas Housing Project.

The first unit of this building was erected in 1854 by St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum Association, who transferred it in 1860 to the Sisters of Notre Dame. It was encumbered by a debt of \$40,000, which was paid by appropriations from time to time by the Mother House of the Order in Milwaukee, the State of Louisiana, the City of New Orleans, and many organizations and private individuals.

As needs and resources increased, other sections were erected, until the building extended along the block on Josephine St. as far as St. Mary's Assumption Church, under whose auspices the Sisters operated the Asylum.

One Hundred Years in New Orleans, La. 1843 - 1943, Centennial Souvenir,
Redemptorist Fathers, January 12, 13, 14, 1944 -pp. 29, 30.

A likely source of further information not yet investigated is the archives of the Convent of the Sisters of Notre Dame, 3235 Cleceland Avenue, New Orleans.

Descriptive Data

Three-story, brick; together with St. Mary's Assumption Church, occupied entire northeast side of the block on Josephine Street between Laurel and Constance Streets.

Slate, gable roof. Cast-iron roofless balcony at second floor and circular bay at third floor of southeast facade.

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